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It shoots, it scores?

University of Manitoba researchers build world's first hockey playing robot

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When robots complete their inevitable take over of the human race, Winnipeg will have the best hockey team in the world.

A team of students and a professor at the University of Manitoba have built the world's first hockey playing robot.

"I was the national champion for speed skating three times and competed in the Olympics in 1984 and 1988 ... so as a professor I started to think about how you'd get a robot to skate well," explained Jacky Baltes, the robotics professor from the U of M's computer science department, who finished work on the robot along with 10 graduate students last week.

"Because we're in Canada, having her playing ice-hockey made sense too."

The 55-centimetre tall robot — who's been named 'Jennifer' after Winnipeg's own Jennifer Botterill — is fully autonomous, can shoot a ball into a net and even skates on ice.

Robots have been able to walk on flat ground for several years and Baltes says teaching them to skate was the next step towards his ultimate goal of having the machines able to walk on uneven ground. It was also a great way to engage his students.

"It's something that is fun for the students to do, and I guess we hit a sweet spot with hockey here in Canada," he told Metro.

Baltes began research on humanoid robotics in 2002 and has already built robots that can play basketball and run marathons.

As well as being really cool, Baltes hopes Jennifer will help him and his colleagues eventually build robots able to tackle far more important work.

"We've done work already with urban search-and-rescue robots," he explained. "For me, my life's work will be complete if I can build a useful humanoid fire-fighting robot."

Jennifer has garnered her creators a lot of attention after the research team put a video of her playing hockey on YouTube last week. They've already been challenged to a game of robot street hockey.

"A colleague of mine from Japan saw the video and posted in Japanese that he would challenge us next year," laughed the professor. "We responded by saying 'bring it on'."

Jennifer will be on display for everyone to see from Feb. 20-24 during the U of M's Humanoid Winter School, which is open to both the general public and robotic hobbyists.

See video of the robot at metronews.ca/winnipeg

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▶ Computer science graduate student Chris Iverach-Brereton, left, and robotics professor Jacky Baltes show off Jennifer, the hockey-playing robot they helped build.

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PETA asks for roadside cattle memorial

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) wants to set up a roadside memorial sign in western Manitoba for cows killed in a highway crash.

PETA is asking the Manitoba government for permission to place a sign along Highway 5 near Carberry, about 170 kilometres west of Winnipeg, where 71 cows died after a semi collided with a train on Jan. 31.

"A memorial sign will serve as a tribute to those dozens of cows who had been severely injured and killed on their way to slaughter," PETA spokesperson Emily Lavender said from Ottawa.

The sign would also draw attention to the group's concerns over how animals are treated before they reach the slaughterhouse.

"Painful mutilations, transport for often hundreds of kilometres in Canada's freezing winters and scorching hot summers and even prolonged suffering at the slaughterhouse are just the tip of the iceberg," Lavender said.

PETA applied for a similar memorial in Illinois last year, but was denied. The state's Roadside Memorial Act specifies that only relatives who lost loved ones in highway crashes can request memorials.

In 2006, Virginia rejected PETA's request for highway markers to memorialize hogs killed in crashes on their way to slaughter.

Officials with the Manitoba government were not immediately available for comment. But the province has laid out a formal process for approval of such signs that usually involves relatives of the victims.

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Aqua Books to open new shop

Bookstore announces a return to the Exchange District Focus shifts to providing venue for artists

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Aqua Books is starting a new chapter.

After announcing the closure of both the bookstore and EAT! bistro at 274 Garry St. last August, Aqua Books owner Kelly Hughes said Wednesday he's opening a new "leaner and meaner" location in the Exchange District in the next couple months.

"This space is going to really be something," said Hughes of the store's future home in the basement of a 112-year-old building at 123 Princess St. "I want it to be a hub for the community."

The new Aqua Books will feature a stage for music and theatre, a bar, a smaller food-service area not associated with EAT! bistro, workshop space and of course books — but not quite as many as before.

"It didn't make sense for us financially to have 2,500 square-feet of books," Hughes said.

The 2,800-square-foot space is roughly a third the size of their old store, but Hughes says an occupancy limit of around 140 means more people will be able to get a seat for events.

"It's going to be a place that's going to be lively in a good way," he said, noting six Fringe Festival plays are already scheduled in the new venue this summer.

The new Aqua Books is expected to open sometime in April, and Hughes says the Garry Street store will likely stay open until renovations of the new location are complete.

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▶ Aqua Books owner Kelly Hughes shows off his store's new Exchange District location, which is expected to open in April.

Police look for suspect after transit sex attack

Winnipeg police need help identifying a person of interest following a sexual assault that started on a Winnipeg Transit bus last week.

Police say a 21-year-old woman was taking a city bus northbound on Pembina Highway Feb. 7 when an unknown male sat beside her and touched her leg, prompting her to get off the bus near Crescent Drive.

The suspect exited the bus with the victim and groped her in the upper body while she tried to get away.

The suspect is described as being between 40 and 50 years of age, East Indian in appearance, with glasses and sparse facial hair. He was wearing glasses, a hat with a toque pulled up, and a dark jacket.

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▶ Police are looking for this person.

News in brief

Police identify homicide victim

CANAD INNS ASSAULT. Police have identified the young man killed at a west end hotel early Valentine's Day morning.

Wahbishkanacot Mandamin, 18, from Ontario, was taken to hospital in critical condition suffering from injuries to his upper body after police responded to an assault call at Canad Inns Polo Park around 1:40 a.m. Tuesday. Madamin died in hospital later in the day. METRO

EPC votes for snowmobile ban

SAFETY. Snowmobilers and ATV drivers will likely have to go outside city limits to drive starting in November.

The city's Executive policy committee voted Wednesday to ban off-road vehicles inside Winnipeg Nov. 1 — two years earlier than first proposed. METRO

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Gun registry bill passes House

On life-support after Tory win in Commons ▶ Senate will pull plug

Federal Tories erupted in cheers Wednesday after finally securing House of Commons approval to scrap the controversial long-gun registry.

The Harper government used its majority to pass the bill by a vote of 159-130, with the support of two maverick New Democrats — John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer.

All other NDP, Liberal, Bloc Québécois and Green MPs voted against it.

"Many of us have waited for this day for a very long time," said Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

Toews said the registry — created by Jean Chrétien's Liberal government after the massacre of 14 women at Montreal's École Polytechnique in 1989 — is "a billion-dollar boondoggle" that does nothing but penalize law-abiding hunters and farmers.

"It does nothing to help put an end to gun crime, nor has it saved one Canadian life," he argued.

The vote effectively puts the registry on life support. All that remains is for the Senate to pull the plug.

Since the Tories enjoy a commanding majority in the upper chamber as well, the registry's fate is sealed.

Women's groups and victims of gun violence expressed outrage.

Quebec says the moment the bill is enacted, the province will launch court action to prevent registry records from being destroyed.

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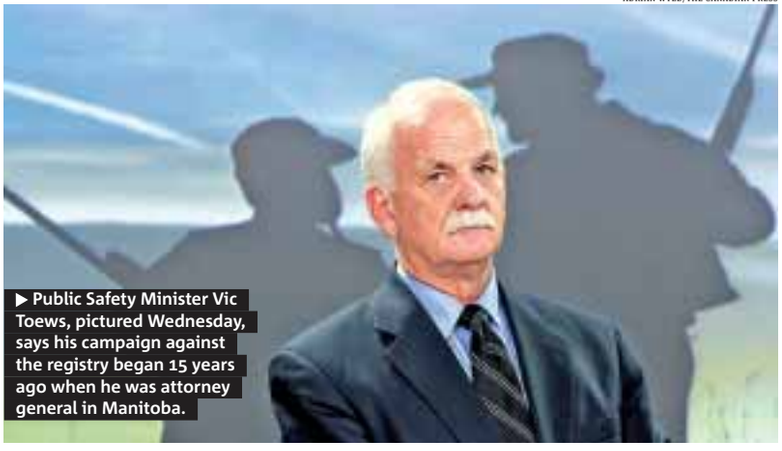

▶ Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, pictured Wednesday, says his campaign against the registry began 15 years ago when he was attorney general in Manitoba.

Trouble in store?

What will be the fate of maverick New Democrats John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer for defying the party's line on the gun registry?

- Interim NDP leader Nycole Turmel said there will be "consequences" for them.
- But it's unclear what more she can do to the pair, who also broke ranks when the registry bill was put to a second reading vote last November.
- At that time, Turmel suspended their travel privileges and banned them from participating in question period, sitting on committees or making public statements.

Battle over mandatory sentences brewing

The Harper government is keeping its powder dry in the face of a court judgment that delivered a broadside to mandatory minimum sentences.

An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled this week that sending a first-time offender to prison for three years for possessing a loaded, illegal gun is "cruel and unusual punishment."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons on Tuesday: "I think Canadians believe the courts have not been tough enough in dealing with gun crime."

With mandatory minimum drug and sex sentences awaiting passage by the Senate, the battle is set to begin.

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Gasp! He'll walk a tightrope over the Falls

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▶ Nik Wallenda says he feels "like I'm on top of the world" after getting the green light for his Niagara walk.

Daredevil Nik Wallenda is eager to walk the walk after getting approval for his plan to cross Niagara Gorge on a tightrope.

The Niagara Parks Commission board gave its thumbs-up at Wednesday, reversing an earlier decision against the stunt.

Wallenda says he'll walk along a cable, five centimetres in diameter, stretched across the gorge from the U.S. to Canada.

The board says it now has 45 days to work out details — including a date for the walk — with the man who calls himself "King of the High Wire."

Wallenda, 32, had been hoping for a day in July or August, but the commission is looking at June, before the busy tourist season begins.

The tightrope walker, who is descended from the famous circus performers The Flying Wallendas, saw his request turned down in December.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation last year allowing Wallenda to walk over the famed gorge.

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High-wire cash

- A study has suggested that live TV coverage of the event could help generate a $120-million shot in the arm to Niagara's economy.
- An official said the board will only consider requests for such events once every 20 years, and only by skilled professionals.

REGIME CHANGE?

Syria's president calls for national vote

As Syrian forces stepped up their assault Wednesday on rebellious cities, President Bashar Assad ordered a referendum, set for Feb. 26, on a new constitution that would create a multiparty system in a country that has been ruled by his autocratic family dynasty for 40 years.

Assad's regime is touting the new constitution as the centrepiece of reforms aimed at calming Syria's upheaval.

But after 11 months of bloodshed, with well over 5,000 dead in the regime's crackdown on protesters and rebels, Assad's opponents say the referendum and reforms are not enough and that the country's strongman must go.

The White House also dismissed the referendum.

Press secretary Jay Carney called the move "laughable" in light of ongoing brutality by the Syrian military, and said it "makes a mockery" of the uprising.

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▶ A woman weeps outside Comayagua prison, where a fire broke out early Wednesday.

Worst prison fire in a century kills 358

A fire started by an inmate tore through an overcrowded prison in Honduras, burning and suffocating screaming men in their locked cells as rescuers desperately searched for keys.

Officials confirmed 358 dead Wednesday, making it the world's deadliest prison fire in a century.

The local governor told reporters Wednesday that an inmate called her moments before the blaze broke out, screaming: "I will set this place on fire and we are all going to die!"

Comayagua Gov. Paola Castro said she called the Red Cross and fire brigade immediately.

But firefighters said they were kept outside for half an hour by guards who fired their guns in the air, thinking they had a riot or a breakout on their hands.

Officials have long held little control over conditions inside many Honduran prisons, where inmates have unfettered access to cellphones and other contraband.

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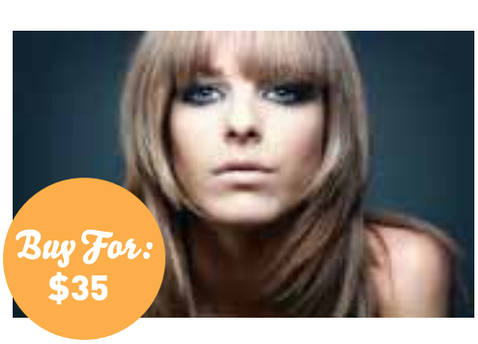

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Shopify updates e-retail

Ottawa company's online stores doubled retail sales in only a year

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▶ Harley Finkelstein, chief platform officer of Shopify.

When web shoppers buy a plush Angry Birds toy, a Foo Fighters or LMFAO T-shirt, or something from Encyclopedia Britannica, it helps fuel a small, but growing Ottawa company that once sold snowboards before getting into the e-store business.

That company is Shopify, which this week was named by Fast Company magazine as one of the 10 most innovative retail businesses in the world.

Co-founder Tobias Lutke created Shopify after realizing back in 2005 just how difficult and expensive it was to launch a web business.

He quickly realized there was a business opportunity in helping other entrepreneurs sell their wares online.

"Today, almost six years later, we have over 20,000 active stores selling one or more products every month in more than 80 countries," said Harley Finkelstein, Shopify's chief platform officer.

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Eurozone doubts persist over Greek bailout plan

Greece has made progress convincing the rest of the eurozone that it should get a $170 billion US bailout — but the country's austerity efforts will need much tighter surveillance, the chairman of the eurozone's finance ministers said Wednesday.

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Cisco challenges Skype takeover

Networking company Cisco said Wednesday that it is challenging Microsoft's $8.5 billion takeover of Skype at the European Union's top court to ensure Microsoft won't block other video conferencing services.

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Kellogg makes $2.7B bid for Pringles

Troubled snack food maker Diamond Foods Inc. and Procter & Gamble Co. have called off their $1.5 billion deal for Diamond to buy the Pringles brand. Cereal maker Kellogg Co.has made a $2.7 billion deal to purchase the brand.

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Home sales down in January

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Wednesday that sales of existing homes fell 4.5 per cent to a seasonally-adjusted 38,294 in January from 40,115 the previous month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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That's why the creators of Survivor, which is currently airing its 24th season, decided the 25th anniversary season would be filmed in its most treacherous location ever! Here's the transcript.

SURVIVOR: CANADA!

(A beaver growls. The McKenzie brothers chant.)

Bob and Doug: Koo-loo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koooo!

Host Jeff Probst: Welcome. For the next two months, a group of American strangers will be stranded ... here ... in "Canada" — a Grizzly-infested peninsula somewhere north of Minnesota. Let's meet our castaways. First — Jimmy, a retired military officer who's about to snap.

Jimmy: You'll all be sorry! The camera crews can't protect you forever!

Probst: Amanda, an exotic dancer known for her enormous wits.

Amanda: My cousin Mary lives here. Do you know her?

Probst: Agnes, a sweet old woman who will be eaten alive by the other contestants, perhaps literally.

Agnes: Let's all play fair.

Probst: And Vance, who inexplicably believes this show makes him a star.

Vance: Hey, America! How you doin'?

Probst: The contestants will be split into groups whose names reflect the local culture: Team Toque and Team Chesterfield. The first competition is a Great Canadian Challenge: Castaways must get their frostbite treated through Medicare. And go!

(The contestants stand in line for three months.)

Probst: Oooh, time's up. I'm afraid nobody wins immunity. And now let's watch as contestants have some introspective time alone with a camera crew and 13 million viewers.

Vance: Everything's good. If I lose, I can get my break in Canadian cinema. That exists, right?

Amanda: It's weird here. Canada's like a whole other country, you know?

Agnes: Everyone's been so nice. Even those squeegee kids who stole our things were very polite.

Jimmy: You took my gun! What kind of place is this?

Probst: It's time for Tribal Council! The results have been counted and, in true Canadian fashion, only one of you voted! Agnes is eliminated.

Agnes: I voted myself off. You all deserve it more.

Probst: Because this is Canada, the tribe must form a subcommittee that will report back on what went wrong for Agnes. Also, Agnes has the right to a lengthy appeals process. The tribe has spoken, Agnes. You can't win the appliances.

Vance: Appliances? What about the million dollars?

Probst: No, sorry, the prize is a lovely Whirlpool washer and dryer, making it the largest award ever on a Canadian game show! That's all for this week. Join us next time, when our castaways face their toughest challenge: One hour with Nickelback! Who will survive?

All: We quit.

Probst: It's still better than Bumper Stumpers.

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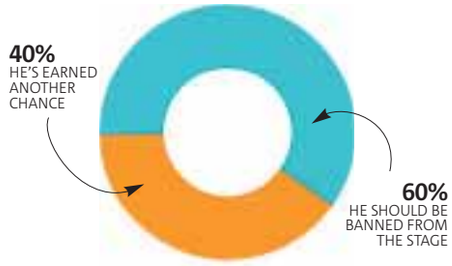
What do you think of Chris Brown performing at this year's Grammys?



Local tweets

- **@Plonq:** IMO those Tim Hortons "Winnipeg Jets" creme doughnuts should only have filling in 1 of 38 (since the other shots didn't go in). Too soon?
- **@sightlinesphoto:** Always interesting to hear your Doctor say "hang on - I'll just go get the gun.
- **@RheannJulia:** The things you do when you spend too much time in the photocopy room...
- **@WrightsWay:** @JesseDEisenberg The four seasons in Winnipeg. The beginning of winter, midde of winter, end of winter...and next winter
- **@brauner_1:** A #winnipeg winter with no good #blizzard yet. I always look forward to the challenging drive. #disappointed
- **@MichaelSTonight:** Very pretty snow today in #winnipeg. Its like I am smoking in a snow globe.
- **@kaitlachance:** Reba replaces sugarland at countryfest..#verydisappointed
- **@drjaywhittaker:** "The truth shall upset you free."

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Daily Zoom

Egg-cellent armour

Tank built out of egg cartons

LONDON. It looked like shell warfare at England's Imperial War Museum after the unveiling of a "tank" made out of egg cartons. Sculptor Stuart Murdoch's carton-made mockup of a Challenger II vehicle was built to launch a national egg-and-spoon race organized by Eggs for Soldiers, a charity that raises money for injured soldiers. MWN

60 seconds

All those egg boxes. You must have made many omelettes.

Actually, the egg boxes arrived empty! We were sent over 8,000 egg boxes in the end. There were moments when we didn't want to see another egg box again.

How do egg boxes compare to real steel?

I was very surprised how sturdy they were. It wasn't a problem for me to stand on the structure. Its strength must be due to his conical shape inside.

What was the most difficult thing about making this tank?

Getting it through the door at London's Imperial War Museum. The door was too small, so we had to break it up into separate sections to get it in.

Will it stay there forever?

No. It's going outside on public display on March 4 for one day. After that, I have no idea what will happen to it. My dream is to see it retired at the Tank Museum in Dorset, southwest England.

What other curiosities have you made?

The world's largest cork — two metres high, 1.3 metres in diameter. Three tonnes of ground cork was sent from Portugal. MWN

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Nathan Rogers tours Canada singing his late father's songs **Making a stop in Winnipeg**

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Nathan Rogers, son of late great Canadian folk musician Stan Rogers, sings his dad's songs Saturday evening at the West End Cultural Centre.

The show — part of a cross-country tour titled Nathan Sings Stan, The Rogers Legacy Continues — is an idea the Winnipeg-based singer/songwriter has been kicking around for quite some time.

"I always felt that if I was going to do it, I needed to do it right," says Rogers, 32. "I didn't want to play a show with just me and my guitar. Part of what made that music so big was the fact that Stan was usually with at least two other people, his brother Garnet on fiddle and guitar and a bass player. That was a big part of what made that music what it was, so I didn't want to have a halfway approach to it, I wanted to make sure it was done properly."

"I always felt that if I was going to do it, I needed to do it right."
NATHAN ROGERS

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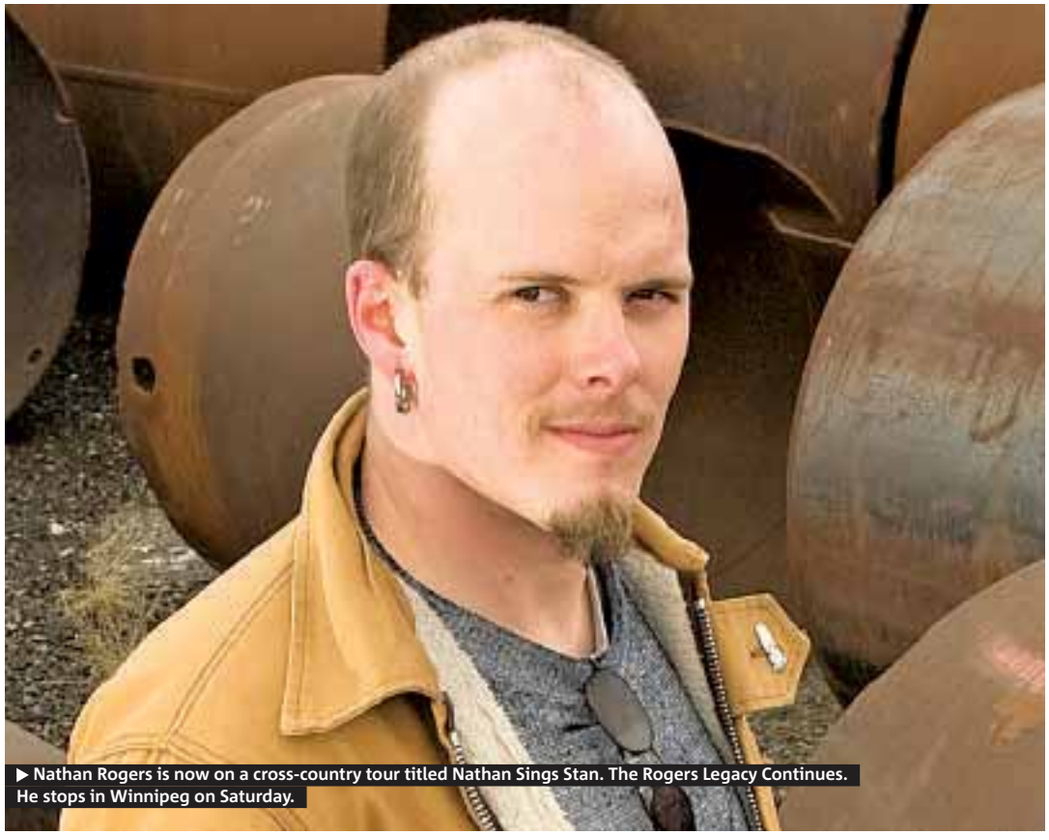

▶ Nathan Rogers is now on a cross-country tour titled Nathan Sings Stan. The Rogers Legacy Continues. He stops in Winnipeg on Saturday.

Joining Rogers on stage at the WECC are Ontario-based musicians Andrew Bryan and Trevor Mills (whose father Paul Mills produced many of Stan's albums), as well as 'Peg City soul rocker J.D. Edwards on guitar/vocals. The four-piece band will perform such Stan songs as Barrett's Privateers, Fogarty's Cove and Northwest Passage.

"I would have done this show 10 years ago but I wanted to make sure it wasn't the only thing people thought of me doing," Rogers says.

"Now I have a couple solo albums out (2004's True Stories and 2009's The Gauntlet), which people seem to like and they get good reviews. Also, there's a whole other thing I do called throat singing and that's something well outside and beyond anything Stan ever had the notion to do. My musical tastes are more global but I always come back to that singing and song writing thing, the storytelling style in Stan's songs."

Tickets to see Nathan Rogers and Co. sing the songs of Stan Rogers are $22 at the WECC, Music Trader, the Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store and Ticketmaster or $26 at the door.

Showtime is 8 p.m.

Brown

Country singer Miranda Lambert doesn't get why controversial R&B star Chris Brown was allowed to perform twice at the Grammys on Sunday. She tweeted on Monday: "He beat on a girl...not cool that we act like that didn't happen." Brown beat up then-girlfriend Rihanna the night before the Grammys in 2009. He pled guilty to an assault charge and was sentenced to five years of probation and six months of community labour.
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Celebrity tweets

@ladygaga

Been working like a crazy bitch all day. Need to smoke a joint or something; or maybe just a good punch in the face. PROPS PROPS PROPS.

@stephenfry

It's 6.50 am in Sydney. Got an hour or so to wait till the flight to Wellington and then I shall finally be in Hibbety-Hobbity land. Hurrah.

Will Bobby attend Whitney's funeral?

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THE WORD

DOROTHY ROBINSON
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Whitney Houston's funeral will be held on Saturday at her childhood church, the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, the church pastor said Tuesday night.

The invitation-only funeral will probably be attended by 1,500 or so people, with the public not invited.

But there's one person whose inclusion on the invite list is still up in the air: Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown.

Tmz.com reports that the singer is "extremely disappointed" after hearing that several members of Houston's family do not want him to attend Saturday's service.

Apparently, Houston's family isn't "fond of him" (um, understatement of the century, TMZ).

The site reports that Brown wants to go to support Bobbi Kristina, but hasn't "decided on a plan of action yet."

However, we do know Brown will be on the East Coast as he is scheduled to perform with his group New Edition on Saturday at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The Sun's publicist sent out a release yesterday saying that, as of then, Brown was still scheduled to perform.

▶ Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston

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Winslet doesn't want to see herself in 3D

Kate Winslet is bracing herself for the 3D re-release of Titanic 15 years after it originally came out.

The actress has already seen 17 minutes of footage, and it wasn't necessarily a pleasant experience.

"I was literally like, 'Oh my God, make it stop. Is that me? Oh my God, that's me. Block my ears, somebody. Somebody club out my senses. Make it f—ing stop,'" Winslet tells USA Today. "I'm sure I wasn't really a very good actress. Seriously, we are talking about something that happened 15 years ago. It is a very long time ago."

Don't worry, Kate. We have a feeling everyone in the audience will have the exact same reaction. METRO

▶ Kate Winslet

Brown brushes off his haters

Good work, America. Chris Brown is taking all of the negative attention people have showered on him since Sunday's Grammy Awards to heart and is now on a Twitter rampage about it. He tweeted last night: "HATE ALL U WANT BECUZ I GOT A GRAMMY Now! That's the ultimate F-CK OFF!" You know who else got a Grammy? Milli Vanilli. So don't put yourself in such high esteem there, buddy. METRO

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New York runway roundup

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DONNA KARAN COLLECTION

Karan opened with her Casual Luxe collection, which, according to the press notes, was "tailored for the streets of New York" yet on the runway appeared to stem from Balmoral Scotland. These were heavily-layered cold-weather looks with cosy, chunky shearling outerwear: oversized tartan blanket knits and sweeping kilts. It was a strong, covetable collection.

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JASON WU

For Wu, the process of transforming his soft and über-feminine muse into a proper badass force to be reckoned with meant going back to his Chinese roots, and exploring images of the country throughout history from the Qing dynasty to the Mao jacket. That translated into a series of beautifully-executed military coats and jackets loaded with rich Far East details and innovative construction.

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RAG & BONE

As temperatures in New York dropped, Marcus Wainwright and David Neville's dense layering didn't seem like a bad idea. Who wouldn't want a chic and cosy blanket coat to toss over a trouser suit like this strong opening look? The only problem is that heavy layering can only go so far before it adds awkward lumps. Look for their perfectly cool separates and coats in stores, but maybe play with layers before imitating this runway styling.

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MARC JACOBS

Marc Jacobs, New York's most prominent and influential architect of trends, showed a directional collection of multi-layered ensembles that made subtle nods to the Queen's land. From the first look out — a giant, furry Stephen Jones' hat and piled-on outfit that included a cape worn over a voluminous coat on top of a slick, tiled, opalescent, dress over cropped trousers and pilgrim shoes — the show had an air of madcap sobriety to it.

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There was a polished sophistication to Thakoon Panichgul's clothes, best exemplified in the dresses and ruffled coats shift. But there were twists: a coat-dress pinched at the waist seemed prim until the model turned the corner, where sexy black leather cut-outs in the back were revealed. The designer then kicked the feminine factor into high gear with sweet peacock feather embroidery and a palette of bright fuchsia and cranberry.

Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

@Jeanne_Beker:

NYC here I come! And surprise - the lovely + talented @JoeyOneil is coming along with me. Hope to grab some mom + daughter time on the job!

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DIY IDEAS

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"Prints and patterns have been huge trends for the last few years and shows no sign of slowing down," says Tricia Guild, the founder and creative director of Designers Guild. "They offer a sense of modernity that plain textiles and walls just do not have."

Print wallpaper and upholstery may read like a throwback to a bygone age — I quiver at the thought of my grandparents' upholstery and strangely yellowed, bronze wallpaper. But today's prints are inspiringly vibrant and make for a room that you'd actually want to spend time in. As Guild puts it, "Prints lend themselves to a more eclectic look that reflects one's personality and spirit."

A harmonious clash

Nobody wants to create a home decor that is positively sick-making, so you need to "pick out a colour to link the clash — this way print clashes generally work," says Guild.

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▶ Pick a colour to link print clashes.

"In this blue sitting room, we've used more than eight patterns but the total effect is harmonious and full of character because the colour palette is restricted to a cobalt and white crispness," she says.

Go easy on...

It's important to reel in your creative wild side, especially when it comes to decorating with animal prints and focus walls. Guild says: "Don't mix too many animal prints together and use a plain neutral, such as black, along the edges of curtains, cushions, rugs and lampshades." On focus walls, she adds, "I think pattern all over the room is more up-to-date — the feature wall feels a bit passé in my view."

Prints to scale

You don't have to live in a sprawling urban palace to make prints work in your place. If you don't want prints to dominate, Guild suggests tempering the look by "choosing a wallpaper that is not too strong."

That means avoiding anything overtly in-your-face, and if you're sprucing up a smaller space, it'll be worth bearing this in mind: "Smaller-scale prints are best in tighter rooms, or just add accent print pieces like cushions or throws," says Guild.

"However, there are no real rules and sometimes a large-scale pattern can look amazing."

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Preparation:

1 In sauté pan heat 15 mL (1 tbsp) of oil over medium heat. Add onion, season with salt and 1 ml (1/4 tsp) of pepper and cook 4 mins. or until onion is soft and translucent. Add apple and cider vinegar; continue to cook 4 mins. or until apple is soft. Remove from heat; cool slightly.

2 Lay lamb flat on cutting board and make horizontal cut through centre of lamb and open two sides like a book. Place cooled apple mix inside and close two sides of lamb. Using butcher twine, gently tie lamb to enclose filling and ensure even cooking.

3 In bowl, combine rosemary, thyme, sea salt and remaining pepper and oil; stir to combine. Gently rub rosemary mix over surface of lamb.

4 Place stuffed lamb in lightly oiled roasting pan and roast in 190 C (375 F) oven basting occasionally with pan juices 40 to 50 mins. or until thermometer registers 70 C (160 F) for medium rare or desired doneness, remove pan from oven and let lamb rest 10 mins. before slicing. **ONTARIO APPLE GROWERS, ONAPPLES.COM/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

Ingredients:

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) canola oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) diced onion
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 6 ml (1 1/4) tsp black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) peeled, cored and diced apple
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 1 trimmed boneless leg of lamb
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) roughly chopped fresh rosemary
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) thyme leaves
- 10 ml (2 tsp) coarse sea salt

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Jets preview

Winnipeg at Minnesota
7 p.m.
TV: TSN-Jets

The Jets (26-26-6) host the struggling Wild (25-23-8), who have scored seven goals in their last six games. Minnesota is 5-16-5 since Dec. 13. Dany Heatley scored his 19th goal of the season in a 2-1 loss to Anaheim on Tuesday. Heatley has six goals in his last nine games. Mikko Koivu has two assists in three games since returning from a shoulder injury. Cal Clutterbuck (lower body) missed Tuesday's game and is day-to-day.
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▶ A young Jets fan reacts to Evander Kane during warmup at the MTS Centre.

Don't let rumours drive Kane away

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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When Mats Sundin's No. 13 was being honoured at the Air Canada Centre last Saturday night, he gave a passionate speech and spoke of playing in the intense Toronto spotlight as a youngster.

"In all honesty, there is no tougher place — no better place, but no tougher place — for a young man in his 20s to be a professional hockey player than in Toronto. When you're at that age, you kind of want to protect yourself."

Winnipeg isn't as large a market as Toronto, but it's fresh and new and defined by the ecstatic fans proud to be back in the big-league sports arena. With all this fanfare comes a much more heated spotlight than the transplanted Atlanta Thrashers were used to in Dixie.

Though Andrew Ladd is the captain and Dustin Byfuglien is the biggest and most noticeable player on the ice most nights, Evander Kane is the high-profile budding superstar who has been a lightning rod of vitriol. Rumours of off-ice antics haven't been in short supply, though none of them have been proven, and the result has been charges Kane is "immature" and "arrogant" — and there's something fundamentally wrong with that.

With the way the NHL has morphed into a young man's league over the past seven years, it's easy to forget some of these guys are still kids. Kane, 20, has already matched his career high in goals and will set a new personal best for points as well, barring injury. But it's these rumours that have taken over his season — the fact he's mired in a three-points-in-14-games slump certainly isn't helping matters.

It's a crime to judge his character on unsubstantiated rumors, a practice becoming far too common in a dirty TMZ world. Coming up with reasons to support this behaviour is about the only thing worse.

And if Kane has done wrong he certainly doesn't deserve a free pass, but it is worth keeping in mind he's a 20-year-old trying to find his way in a fishbowl existence to which none of us could ever relate. There are different pressures and demands and as easy as it is for us to scoff at the troubles of a millionaire who has the world as his oyster, it's still a reality. One small misstep could lead to a game of telephone that ends up with an issue being blown out of proportion and a personality being misrepresented.

Kane is a terrific talent Jets fans should hope will be around for a while and the kind of player that isn't easy to find or replace. The last thing Jets fans would want to do, I would think, would be to run him out of town based on hearsay. It might be hard to get players of this calibre again in the future.

Until anything is proven, it's best to focus on Kane's on-ice progress, of which there has been plenty of good news.

Lions hang on to key players

Wally Buono wasted little time Wednesday retaining two key members of his Grey Cup-winning team.

The B.C. Lions GM highlighted the opening day of CFL free agency by agreeing to terms with veteran defensive backs Dante Marsh and Ryan Phillips. Buono reached a deal with Marsh just before he was scheduled to become a free agent before coming to terms with Phillips roughly two hours after he entered free agency.

CFL free agency kicked off at noon EST Wednesday but the top two available players — slotback Andy Fantuz and offensive lineman Brendon LaBatte — remained unsigned Wednesday evening.

However, they were certainly generating a lot of interest.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Saskatchewan Roughriders were said to be in the running for Fantuz, the six-foot-four, 220-pound slotback who was the CFL's outstanding Canadian in 2010. Fantuz missed the first half of last season attending the Chicago Bears camp before suffering an ankle injury after returning to Regina.

Edmonton and Saskatchewan were reportedly both working hard to sign LaBatte. The six-foot-four, 323-pound native of Weyburn, Sask., has spent his entire CFL career with Winnipeg.

LaBatte was a CFL all-star in 2011 and helped Winnipeg reach the Grey Cup. The 25-year-old can play guard or centre although his preference is guard.
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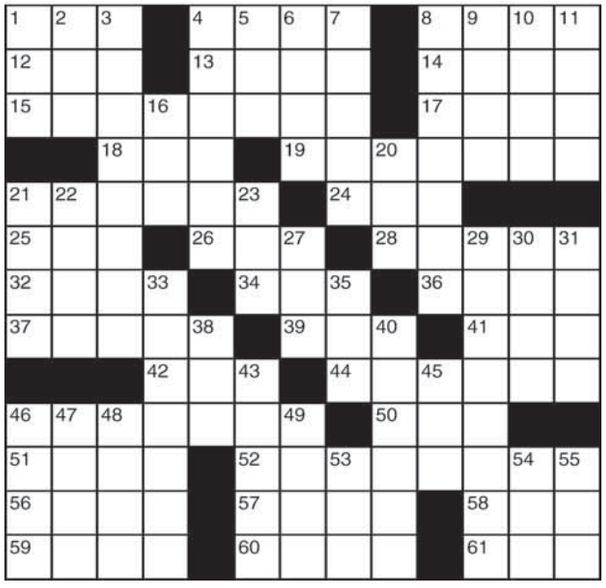
Andy Fantuz is expected to fetch between $175,000 and $200,000 on the open market, which could be too rich for the Argos, who will have to pay quarterback Ricky Ray around $400,000 this season.

Crossword



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1 Burst
4 Answer an invite
8 Mid-June honorees
12 George's brother
13 — out (supplements)
14 Out of the storm
15 Unimprovable place
17 "— do for now"
18 Back
19 Great commotion
21 "America's Got —"
24 First st.
25 Wall climber
26 Listener
28 Distance down
32 Nap
34 Crazy
36 Avis adjective
37 Basin accessories
39 Pie filling?
41 Deteriorate
42 Last (Abbr.)
44 Political argument
46 Colored like hippie shirts
50 Website section, often
51 Opposed to
52 South American country
56 Old card game
57 Thing
58 Heady brew
59 "South Park" kid
60 Knighted woman
61 Playing marble

Down
1 Spot on a domino
2 "... man — mouse?"
3 Render immobile
4 Given a makeover
5 Tackle moguls
6 Two-piece suit's lack
7 Intellectual pretender
8 Company that merged with Benz in 1926
9 Choir member
10 Sandwich shop
11 Vend
16 Census stat
20 Roulette bet
21 Ocean motion
22 Acknowledge
23 Highlander's hat
27 Aries
29 Strong herbicide
30 Jog
31 Loathe
33 Scholarly
35 Flop
38 Crafty
40 Malign
43 Lukewarm
45 Satchel
46 Chore
47 Black
48 List-ending abbr.
49 Information
53 Sleep phenom
54 Carte lead-in
55 Evergreen type

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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9	8	6	4	7	2	3	1	5
1	4	5	9	6	3	7	2	8
2	3	1	7	8	9	6	5	4
8	6	4	2	3	5	9	7	1
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You want to take a risk but you are also fearful of making a mistake. If you play safe now, you will surely regret it later on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Even if those you love think that what you are doing is wrong, they will still help you to do it today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The bigger the challenge, the more you will like it today. Even rivals will admire the way you push through against the odds.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others may say you are expecting too much of yourself but you know you have been expecting too little.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
If the old way of doing things no longer seems to work, by all means try something new.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
This is the perfect time to do something others will be talking about (for good reasons) for years.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You will do something that does not come naturally. You may discover you have a talent of which you were previously unaware.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Follow your instincts wherever they might lead you and don't worry that some people might think you are mad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will have to work hard for other people today and you won't have much time for yourself.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Some things you say over the next 24 hours could have those around you squirming. The truth is the truth and you won't twist it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Sometimes in life you have to bend the truth a little and that seems to be the case today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Mercury in your sign linked to expansive Jupiter means you are in excellent form intellectually at the moment. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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